

Reflect - upon you present blessings, of which every man has plenty, not on your past misfortunes of which all men have some.
-Charles Dickens

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Leaders train leaders through experience

BY WESLEY ENGLISH
NEWS EDITOR

Though the High School Leadership Conference is meant to help high school students with leadership, it also had the added benefit of helping TSO's Leadership Services.

Around 60 high school students from the area gathered on campus over the weekend to learn about leadership from Taylor students and guest speakers. Attendees participated in workshops, discussion groups and leadership initiatives.

"This year my vision was to see college students getting involved with high school students," said Meredith Brown, member of leadership services.

"I think that was a vision cast for the whole cabinet primarily because there is such an importance in leadership for people who they can talk to about previous leadership positions they've been in, especially in transitioning between high school and college," Brown said.

The main guest speaker, Barry Owen, spoke to the students at the banquet dinners. Owen works for AIM Ministries in Atlanta, Georgia. He was a youth pastor for 20 years before moving on to challenge and encourage youth pastors and students involved in leadership.

On top of the speaker, students attended a number of workshops on Saturday. The topics, taught mostly by Taylor students, ranged from "Passion for Purity" to "Leading from the Middle of the Pack."

Throughout the weekend the students met together in discussion groups of five to six people led by freshman leadership scholarship winners. A majority of the groups had two leaders, one man and one woman.

Brown was excited about having freshmen as small group leaders discussing their transition from high school to college.

"I thought it would be a really neat thing for freshmen to get involved because it hasn't happened in past years," Brown said.

The group leaders did more with the students than just facilitate discussion throughout the weekend. They worked hand in hand with their students in the leadership initiatives, rope course challenges led by Taylor students.

The leadership initiatives offered a unique way for the students to learn, providing an experience where different types of leadership were demonstrated.

"I enjoyed seeing how people who didn't know each other came together as a group and to see how each person can use their



Photo by Mike Schueler

BLINDFOLDED AND LOW TO THE GROUND, a high school leadership conference attendee trusts her leader to help her through the maze of ropes. Designated a leadership initiative, students experience different forms of leadership through experience with challenges.

strengths to compensate for each other's weaknesses," said freshman Linda Brate, discussion group leader.

Leadership Services, a cabinet of TSO, put together the weekend. The conference served them as well.

One way Leadership Services benefited is in the way the freshmen were pulled into the group.

"It gave the freshmen the opportunity to get to know one another better," Bartal said. "I think it built a bond between them."

The high school leadership conference also provided the cabinet training.

"It gives the leadership cabinet the opportunity to work a conference before the huge conference, the national leadership confer-

ence for college students," Brown said. "It's almost necessary for us to experience that."

Overall, Bartal was satisfied with the weekend.

"It was neat to see high school students who were willing to learn about leadership at a young age and willing to give up a weekend to come and learn how to be better leaders," Bartal said.

CBN, 700 Club features Taylor

The Christian Broadcasting Network aired interviews with Taylor University students and administration on the 700 Club Thursday at 10 a.m. and 11 p.m. on the Fox Family Channel.

Julie Blim, 700 Club reporter and producer, talked with a few students, Dr. Farmer, and President Gyertson about the relief trip to New York 110 Taylor students went on. The trip interested CBN enough to include a Taylor segment in their series on spiritual revival on campus across America.

Taylor is currently trying to receive permission to make the Taylor segment available on the University's home page at <http://www.tayloru.edu>.

Gift drive to help with giving for poor families

BY CLAIRE BALSBAUGH
STAFF WRITER

Christmas trees will be decorated with opportunities to serve in the coming weeks. The annual Community Outreach Gift Drive began on November 12 and runs through the beginning of December. The Gift Drive gives Taylor students the chance to show the love of Jesus through giving during the Christmas season.

Several children's ministries such as Realife, Kid's Club and Helping Hands have collected Christmas requests from over 150 kids that they serve weekly. Many of these children's families do not have the resources to get them presents for Christmas.

The Community Outreach ministry made a card for each of these children including their name, age and wish list. These

cards now decorate the Christmas trees in the chapel and DC. Taylor students simply choose a child's card, buy them a gift, wrap it and Community Outreach will take care of delivering the gift to the child.

"The Gift Drive is an awesome opportunity for us to meet the needs and brighten the day of some underprivileged children in the surrounding community," Mike Kenney, Community Outreach co-director said.

In the past, kids have asked for items from coats to footballs to dolls to bicycles, and Taylor students have responded.

Last year alone, three children received the bikes they had asked for.

Holly Davis, co-director of Realife remembered a fifth-grade boy who asked for a Mongoose bike.

"When we delivered the bike he was so excited but he didn't really believe it was his to keep," Davis said. "He kept asking us if he could really keep it. I really think it made his Christmas, because now, three years later, he still talks about it."

This is just one example of how a simple Christmas gift gave a child joy during the holidays.

Kenney recalled a family who did not have the money to buy their children clothes or toys. When Taylor students showed up on their doorstep with gifts, the family was in tears because of how their needs were met.

Some families have even come to the Lord through others' giving.

Davis, who has been delivering gifts her entire Taylor career, said that students should participate in the Gift Drive because, "Jesus

calls us so many times to be giving to the poor, and this is one way that we can really tangibly help our community."

Those who choose to buy a Christmas present for one of these children are urged to follow through with their commitment.

Occasionally students pick up a card, but do not bring a gift. Community Outreach makes sure that every child gets something, but this year's goal is that every student who picks up a card will take action.

"Most of these kids will receive their favorite Christmas presents from Taylor students and it really can make a child's Christmas special, even if it is something small," Davis said.

Wrapped gifts marked with the child's name are due in the Taylor World Outreach office by Tuesday, Dec. 4.

Features

"Good communication is as stimulating as black coffee, and just as hard to sleep after."
-Anne Morrow Lindbergh

'The Bean' is jumping with a new look

BY ELLIE HALGREN
FEATURES EDITOR

The music was hot and the coffee was fresh as The Jumping Bean showed off its new look Thursday night during the grand re-opening of Taylor's favorite coffee stop.

It was the culmination of a vision shared by the owners of The Jumping Bean, Jeremy and Lorie Diller, and a project group for Principles of Management class consisting of Sarah Nurmi, Rhonda Cahill, Josh Dennis, Julie Rubel and Sarah Mason. This vision started back in May when the Dillers bought The Bean from the previous owner, Kyle Martin. Along with a love of quality coffee, the Dillers were interested in the coffee shop for the opportunity to form more relationships on campus.

"We can have daily interaction with no formal labels that allows us to form relationships, become recognizable faces on campus and bless people," said Lorie.

Despite the fact that the Dillers have no background in business, they are learning quickly and feel that God is preparing them for ministry in the future. To complement the relational side of The Jumping Bean, the Dillers were interested in redecorating it to bring more uniformity. From the beginning the Dillers were focused on having quality coffee with the freshest beans and the best products. They wanted the décor of The Bean to reflect the quality of its drinks.

"We wanted a high quality 'we're serious about making good coffee' image without losing the fun, connected, approachable atmosphere found here," said Lorie.

With the quality of products being their first concern and considering all the time and resources needed for redecorating, their vision for this project had been put on the back burner until recently when the Dillers were approached by a principles of management group.

Taught by Janet Gross, professor of business and communication arts, each group in Principles of Management is assigned to do a project for profit or non-profit. At the suggestion of their professor, this group pounced on the idea of re-decorating The Jumping Bean, which is a non-profit project.

"I didn't want to do a project that didn't mean anything, and this project would give us an opportunity to impact students while incorporating a ministry aspect as well," said Nurmi.

After meeting with the management group the Dillers found that they had a similar vision for what the re-decorating would look like. The management group had the resources and the time to do the legwork, and the Dillers gave them the freedom to run with their ideas.

"We trust their judgement, and they've done a great job," said Lorie Diller.

The management group wanted to give The Bean more of a coffee shop look that would be cleaner, simpler and have more neutral colors. They were inspired by observing the decorating style used by Starbucks, which is uncluttered so that people can spread out their work.

Along with redesigning the overall look of the coffee shop, the management group also found a new logo by presenting the project to a typography class taught by Bruce Campbell, professor of art. Each student in the class came up with logo ideas from which the management group chose Jennifer Moody's logo. The Dillers were excited about the new logo because although they liked the bean idea, the old logo was rather cartoonish whereas the new logo is classier.

Another exciting aspect of the project incorporates student artwork into The Jumping Bean. The Guild, Taylor's art club, will be collecting student artwork to be put on display in The Bean.

These displays will be changed on a monthly basis and may include works from multiple students. The current display is a series of photographs taken by Michelle Catt. For the opportunity to display your own artwork in the future simply contact The Guild.

To fund this project the management group sold stainless steel mugs at the re-opening, which have the new Jumping Bean logo on them. These mugs will continue to be on sale for \$10. Every time students use their mug, they will receive a 5 percent discount on their purchase. In addition to this funding, Taylor Student Organization (TSO) also gave money to help with paint and supplies.

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Photo by Bryan Smith

ANGELA GORDON AND STACEY FULLER enjoy festive times and good conversation over some fresh, hot coffee from The Jumping Bean at the grand re-opening.

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"I'm very pleased with how it came out. I like the new set up and I feel like it's more of a coffeehouse atmosphere," said Annemarie Postma.

Bethany Dennis was also enthusiastic about the event and felt that the management group took on a project that will benefit students.

"I think it's a good idea. I think

it's great that [the management group] is going to donate all the profit from the mugs to help out The Jumping Bean and attempt to bring more people here," said Dennis.

After surveying the Student Union, Stacey Fuller summed up the night by saying, "Beautiful decor, wonderful music and great tasting coffee."

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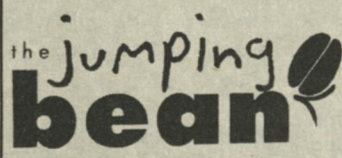
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Opinion

Letters to the Editor

"He who asks a question is a fool for five minutes; he who does not ask a question remains a fool forever."

-Chinese Proverb

Not once have I walked out in disgust during a sermon; that is, never before I entered Monday's chapel to listen to Dr. Jana Childers from San Francisco Theological Seminary address the student body.

Childers preached on the milieu of "words" that American society offers which vie for our attention to be heard. The inquiry she raised (specifically, the place the Word of God holds amidst the surrounding noise of our culture) is a viable and important question to ask in our postmodern society. Yet, in all of her high-flying "word" play and seminary-level vocabulary (half of which the average undergraduate could not understand), Childers did not once offer an authorita-

tive "word from the Lord" that addressed prevalent issues plaguing American society.

In fact, Childers partook in the very thing she accused contemporary culture of doing; namely, offering an ineffective blabber of noise.

Not once did she expound on 2 Cor. 4:1-17, the text she used as a mere launching pad into her discourse on the importance of "words."

Expectantly I waited and listened for specific life application from the Word, yet all I received was superfluous religious jargon that held little value to my faith.

It is ironic that she expounded on a passage addressed to the Corinthian church. It was in First Corinthians that Paul explained

power (1 Cor. 2:1-5).

Childers came with high-style homiletics that lacked biblical substance. The style is not the issue here; indeed, I enjoy Dr. Farmer's polished preaching. Rather, it was her message, or lack thereof.

I bring this to consideration not because I am overtly critical of Childers. Paul admonishes believers to "Test everything. Hold on to the good" (1 Thess. 5:21). I try to approach chapel as I approach any spiritual discipline: as a "means of grace" to encounter sweeter fellowship with God. I try to look for the good in every admonishment, seeking a morsel

to apply to my life, and never once have I left on an empty stomach.

Yet not even the smallest crumb could I salvage from Childers' sermon! What the Church needs is not one more voice to add to the cacophony but a definitive apologetic that shakes the core of this generation.

Believers must consider relevant questions that pertain to contemporary issues (i.e. what is the evangelical response to liberal theology? atheistic materialism? religious pluralism? homosexuality?) in order to gain truth to combat the tempest of prevalent worldviews circulating in 21st century America.

-Daniel Sorenson, student

...I waited and listened for specific life application from the Word, yet all I received was superfluous religious jargon that held little value to my faith.

his homiletical approach:

My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, so that your faith might not rest on men's wisdom, but on God's

dealing with those issues. Eating disorders and depression are hidden, yet huge problems on this campus.

As Heidi, Katrina's younger sister said, "Cast all your burdens on God, and please don't be afraid to share those burdens with others. Katrina failed to do that... we wish she had."

"Know your neighbors, and know their needs." This is a message sometimes forgotten. We burden ourselves with the guilt of not knowing Katrina more intimately and not being able to minister to her needs. How can we meet the needs of the world when we can't even minister to our neighbor's needs?

We may not have been able to change things for Katrina; we know that. But let us learn the incredible need to let our struggles be known. Be vulnerable. We are the body of Christ, and we need each other. God has given us his amazing grace and love; let's help each other understand it.

-Crystal Bailey, student

The Wahl family was here this weekend. I think we were all apprehensive of meeting the family, but I saw that they were real people, a family like yours or my own.

They were pleasant, amiable people, and their love for the Lord shone bright, just like it did in Katrina. Katrina's three sisters bared her resemblance like a mirror; long blonde hair, bright blue eyes and gentle smiles.

The Wahl's are thankful for our prayers, and as their note says, "through your prayers and those of many other friends, God is carrying us through this valley of the shadow in an amazing way."

We, Katrina's wingmates and friends, would like to thank everyone who has lifted us up in prayer and encouraged us over the past several weeks. In an extremely difficult time of dealing with emotions of sorrow, anger and guilt, it was the hugs and simple acts of caring, like asking how we are doing or sending a card, that meant so much.

Also, thanks to Nate Pietrini for his article last week calling out

those who blame Katrina's death on a depression unrecognized by those she lives with. Several of us she lived with are very alert to the signs of depression, and we are all in agreement that Katrina showed none of these signs.

What Katrina did struggle with was an insatiable desire to be perfect. For Katrina this led to an obsession with needing to have a perfect body. She was receiving counseling for her eating disorder, but her small "victories" were not enough, and she grew exhausted of fighting the sin. We should all desire perfection for Christ, but let us be different by accepting God's grace for our incompleteness.

The Wahl family's prayer is that through Katrina's death others will find strength in the Lord to overcome their struggles. They told us of victory in one person already coming to know Christ because of her death. Many issues have been brought forward on campus, and while they may not be a reflection of Katrina's struggles, praise the Lord that they may help others

We are writing in response to the protest scheduled for November 16th-18th at Ft. Benning in Georgia organized by Students for Social Action (SSA). The purpose of the protest is to shut down the School of the Americas, a military facility that trains Latin American soldiers in combat, counter-insurgency and counter-narcotics for use in their home countries.

Looking at the list of "graduates gone bad", you will count somewhere in the neighborhood of 300 soldiers that have committed or have been involved in violent crimes out of the 60,000 soldiers that have graduated from the program. That equates to one-half of one percent; not even a whole percent of graduates have committed violent crimes or human rights abuses, the main reason groups are trying to shut the school down.

The websites list many more offenders, but these individuals are convicted of drug-trafficking, car-theft and threats; hardly violent crimes. If protests are based on these offenses that seem to be worthy of shutting the School of the Americas down, we should be protesting every U.S. military base. US soldiers have been indicted in every form of violent crime from murder, to rape, to massacres of US civilians, as was the case with Timothy McVeigh.

Looking back through history these types of protests have been largely ineffective in changing policy, often mobilizing on emo-

tion rather than what the facts clearly present. This protest we would wager, is not going help. The group who is organizing this protest, School of the Americas Watch, states this year that all participants may be subject to imprisonment as the city has turned down a request for a full permit to assemble.

The group reports that well over 2,000 protesters have been banned from the protest area for the next five years and that twenty protesters remain in federal prison for their "non-violent protesting." Furthermore, the "Life Together Covenant" states that we are to uphold the laws of the nation. Protesting in defiance of police and military police orders in this instance is clearly in violation of the commitment made to be a member of the Taylor community.

If this is viewed objectively, it appears the protest in Georgia is a waste of time, motivated by an emotional agenda rather than a legitimate cause. This is not something that we as a part of the Taylor community want to be represented by, and we hope the media coverage will be minimal at best.

Being representatives of Taylor and Christ, we believe it is important to guard against involvement in activities that may tarnish our Christian witness.

-Ethan Petro,
Tony VanAlstine, students

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Sports

"White shoes make you look faster."
- Colts quarterback Peyton Manning

Ready to rumble: Basketball seasons open

Preseason NAIA poll ranks Taylor men 10th and women 18th as seasons begin

BY TAB BAMFORD
SPORTS EDITOR

Finishing a season with a 17-16 record would generally lead an outside observer to think a team would be looking to improve the next year.

However, the Trojans men's basketball team is collecting preseason honors as if they were Happy Meal toys. Outside observers have not only ranked the team tenth in the national preseason poll, but also the coaches in the MCC picked Taylor to win the conference this year.

Last year the team played better than their record indicated. The Trojans had the fourth ranked defense in the nation, and senior guard Alan Jones earned Honorable Mention All-American honors by leading the team in scoring.

"We only really lost one player from last year, and all the young guys now have experience," said Jones.

Looking to step up their contributions are sophomores Matt Traylor and Matt Lettinga and

junior center Adam Musters. At the Geneva Tournament last weekend the Trojans defeated Geneva 82-63 with Jones scoring 22 points to lead the Trojans to victory in the tournament's title game. Traylor was named Tournament MVP, and Jones and Musters joined Traylor in being named to the All-Tournament team.

"We aren't a one player team," said Musters. "We had eight players score more than eight points in the championship game."

This balance should help coach Paul Patterson's team to finish games this year. The team, thanks to their stout defense, stayed close with every team they played last year and in many instances held a lead towards the end of the game, only to lose.

"[Not holding a lead] was our inexperience showing," said Jones. "Now our team has matured and we'll win the close games."

This weekend the team hosts its first two home games of the year. The team plays Ohio Southern tonight at 8 p.m.

Men's Team Roster

11 Josh Meyer
13 Trent Schrader
15 Kin Vinson
21 Nate Epple
23 Jabin Newhouse
25 Matt Traylor
31 Ben Brown (left)
33 Matt Boling
35 Alan Jones
41 Matt Lettinga
43 Nathan Chivington
51 John Miles
53 Andrew Wichterman
54 Adam Musters

Women's Team Roster

10 Christin Easterhaus
12 Amy Edmonds
14 Suzie Hayden
20 Lori Klotz
22 Heidi Lindsey
24 Julie Rubel
30 Lydia Harris
32 Sarah Shedd
33 Katie Shedd
34 Bridget Carlson
40 Sara Cummings
42 Carrie Chivington
44 Jessa Turner (right)
50 Melanie Brumbaugh
52 Liz Plass
photos by Mike Schueler

BY ADAM MUSTERS
STAFF WRITER

To be the best, you have to play the best. That is exactly what the Lady Trojans basketball team is doing.

Taylor began the season losing their first game to Ohio Dominican by just four points 67-63. They rebounded the next night to hand Robert Morris a 69-56 defeat. Senior Bridget Carlson scored 22.

The Lady Trojans then traveled to Missouri to take on 12-ranked Evangel. Taylor fell behind by eight, but they continued playing hard defense, holding Evangel to 37 percent shooting on the night. The defense was not enough though, as Evangel held on to win 57-53. Freshman Liz Plass tallied 11 points and Julie Rubel added ten.

The next night proved equally tough for Taylor, as they faced Missouri Baptist, an NAIA Division I team. The Lady Trojans stayed even through one half and went into the second half tied at 34. However, Missouri Baptist proved too strong, building a small lead and holding on to a 73-68 victory.

Plass led the way with 19 points and seven boards, while Carlson chipped in 17 points. Jessa Turner also pulled six rebounds.

On Wednesday the women had a great chance to pull out a win, but it slipped away in overtime to Cedarville, 80-72. After building a 13-point lead, Taylor watched as Cedarville cut it to four at halftime, 32-28. The Yellow Jackets took a short lead and held it much of the second half, but the Lady Trojans battled back to tie the score on a Rubel jumper with 28 seconds left. Cedarville took control in overtime, especially at the foul line, hitting ten of 13 free throws. Plass led in scoring with 19, and Rubel also had 16. Plass and freshman Lydia Harris had nine rebounds.

Despite their record (1-4) the women believe that this tough schedule will help them at the end of the season. Especially with Bethel and St. Francis, both ranked in the top ten, looming in their conference schedule.

Football team one flinch from victory in final home game

BY TAB BAMFORD
SPORTS EDITOR

"It's tough for it to end that way," said senior quarterback Josh Cole.

The football season ended at Taylor last weekend with the Trojans losing 24-21 to Trinity International. The game was in every way a microcosm of the season for the Trojans this season. The team was not out of the game until it was over and continued to play hard even when trailing.

The action of the game provided an emotional roller coaster for the team. Trinity jumped out to a 14-0 lead with two touchdowns within two minutes of each other in the first quarter. However, as they did all season, the Trojans refused to quit. On the team's first possession after Trinity's second touchdown, the team marched down the field in nine

plays and scored on a spirited five-yard run by Cole.

On the visitor's next possession the defense forced a punt, which they blocked. The ball was partially blocked enough that it elevated but only traveled back to the line of scrimmage. Sophomore safety David Higley, playing with a cast on his hand because of injury, caught the punt and returned it 34 yards for a touchdown.

The Trojans countered Trinity's early outburst by scoring 14 points of their own in under two minutes.

Trinity, ranked 24 in the nation coming into the game, appeared indifferent to the scoring by Taylor. On their next possession the visiting team marched down the field, traveling 66 yards in five plays to score another touchdown in a drive that took under two minutes again.

"We were on the field for what seemed like an eternity," said sophomore defensive end Josh Staley. "We really needed the offense to put a drive together and let us rest."

The offense complied with Staley's request and had their best scoring drive of the season. For a drive that took 15 plays to travel 61 yards, the offense took nearly eight minutes off the clock. In real time, eight game-clock minutes equates to nearly 20 minutes of rest. Sophomore Justin Runyan topped off the drive by scoring the first touchdown of his collegiate career on a four yard run. The score at the half was all tied up at 21.

Seeing 42 points scored in the first half might lead a fan to think this game would end with both team's scoring two or three more touchdowns, but that was not the case. Trinity was able to hit a

field goal attempt to open the second half, and that would end any scoring threats until late in the game.

The Trojans were able to move the ball effectively late in the fourth quarter and had inches to go on a second down after a measurement with just over a minute and a half remaining. However, in what proved to be the pivotal play of the game, a Taylor player jumped off sides on the next snap and the team lost five yards they would not make up.

Sophomore kicker Robbie Smith was forced to attempt a

43-yard field goal into a tough cross wind and the kick was wide.

"We had a simple quarterback sneak called," said Cole. "I was just gonna touch [senior center Jason] Minich and he'd snap it and we'd both fall forward for the first down."

Smith was one of the few statistical highlights for the team from the game. He averaged 44 yards per punt on five kicks, landing two inside the opponents' five-yard line. Senior tight end Josh Kijanko had two clutch third down receptions in the fourth quarter.

Congratulations to the volleyball team for finishing their MCC regular season and conference tournament with undefeated record. The 9th ranked Lady Trojans play at Cornerstone this weekend in the NAIA Region VIII meet.